

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-22, and 25-26 are currently pending in this application. Claims 14, 23, and 24 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 9 and 13 are amended.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-6, 8-12, 14, 19, 25, and 26 contain allowable subject matter.

**Claim Objections**

The Examiner objected to claims 14 and 19 as being dependent upon a rejected claim. Claim 13 is amended to include allowable subject matter of claim 14, and claim 14 is canceled. Claim 19 depends upon claim 13. The withdrawal of the objection to the claims 14 and 19 is respectfully requested.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

Claims 13, 15-18, and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,735,426 to Pau (hereinafter "Pau") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0151257 to Staszewski (hereinafter "Staszewski")

**Applicant:** Mark S. Cavin  
**Application No.:** 10/707,312

and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,669,068 to Kielmeyer et al. (hereinafter "Kielmeyer").

Claim 13 is amended to include subject matter from claim 14, which the Examiner indicated is allowable. Therefore, the Applicant submits that claim 13 is now allowable and the rejection is therefore moot. Additionally, claims 23 and 24 are canceled.

Claims 15-18, and 20-22 are dependent upon independent claim 13 and the Applicant believes these claims are allowable over the cited references of record for the same reasons provided above.

Based on the arguments presented above, withdrawal of the 103 rejection of claims 13, 15-18, and 20-24 is respectfully requested.

**Applicant:** Mark S. Cavin  
**Application No.:** 10/707,312

**Conclusion**

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Cavin

By /Wesley T. McMichael/  
Wesley T. McMichael  
Registration No. 56,982

Volpe and Koenig, P.C.  
United Plaza, Suite 1600  
30 South 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Telephone: (215) 568-6400  
Facsimile: (215) 568-6499

WTM/JPB/ljs  
Enclosure